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Muckamore Abbey Hospital – Ennis Report

I refer to the above and would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1/All emails & all correspondence between the Belfast Health Trust and the then Health and Social Care Board regarding Muckamore Abbey Hospital (since 31 March the responsibility of the Department of Health) on the following dates:

- 1/ 6th February 2013*
- 2/ 4th March 2014*
- 3/ 6th March 2014*
- 4/ 28th January 2015*
- 5/ 13th May 2015*
- 6/ 23rd July 2015*
- 7/ 5th August 2015*
- 8/ 28th August 2015*
- 9/ 1st September 2015*
- 10/ 3rd September 2015*
- 11/ 7th September 2015*

The Belfast Health and Social Care Trust (the Belfast Trust) has conducted a search and identified relevant records. Please see attached the records retrieved as at 12.12.2022. An index to assist you to peruse the records provided is enclosed with this letter.

To note:

- For the dates specified in the request, our searches have identified correspondence that does not refer to Muckamore Abbey Hospital (the hospital) by name, but does relate to Learning Disability services and, consequently, some of the services delivered by the hospital. That correspondence has been included as part of our response.
- Included at item 4 is an email that refers to an attached document. The document attached to the email, which is a report, has not been provided as part of the response of the Belfast Trust. This is because the content of the report is exempt from disclosure by reason of section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The report concerns health related special category personal data belonging to a third party, the production of which would contravene a data protection principle, and is therefore unlawful.
- All other redactions applied to the records provided have been applied to personal identifiers of either employees or patients of the Belfast Trust, or third party

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organisations. These personal identifiers are also exempt by reason of section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, being personal information relating to third parties.

- In view of the searches conducted by the Belfast Trust to provide this response it is considered likely that the correspondence of 3 and 7 September 2015, and which may relate to the same subject matter as some of the other communications from the other dates identified in the request and provided with this response, are likely to be communications between the HSCB and PHA (rather than between those bodies and the Belfast Trust). Any communication suggesting that relevant correspondence on those dates was between the Belfast Trust and the HSCB may be in error. This explanation is provided in a spirit of openness and in an effort to be helpful.